



Montgomery County Chapter of the

***American Civil Liberties Union
Meeting***

February 22, 2017

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Tonight's agenda

- **Welcome and introductions**
 - ACLU background – what we do
 - Why you are here
- **What happened since last meeting?**
 - Good news and bad news
 - New federal threats
 - New protests, suits and FOIAs
 - What the ACLU has been doing
 - State and county efforts
- **All the work we have to do...and it's growing**



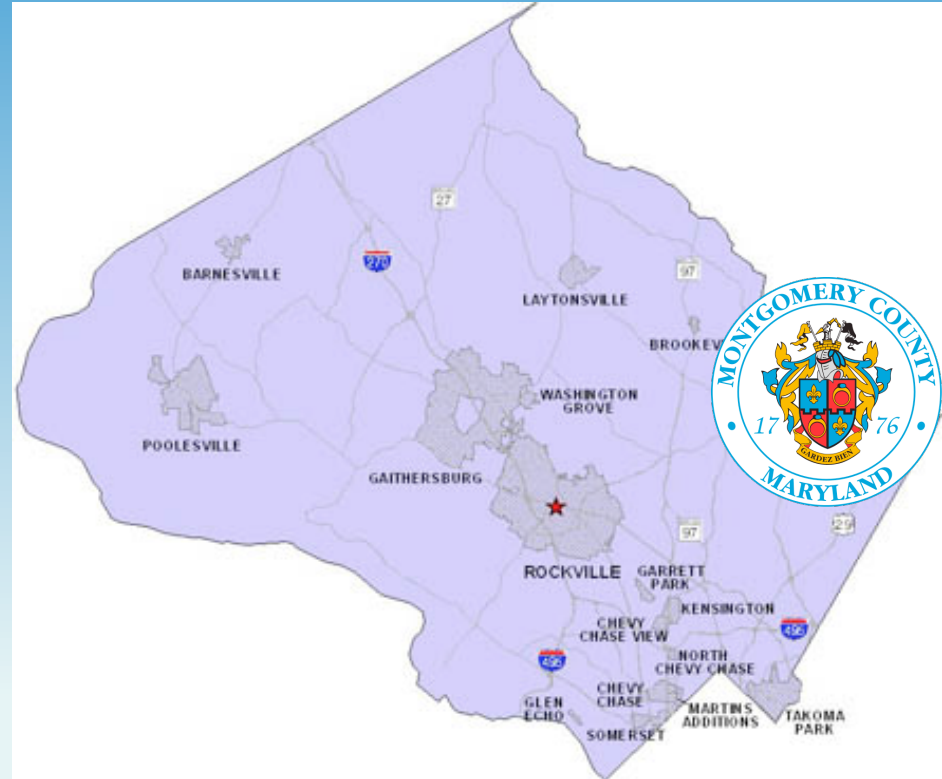
ACLU's (near century of) history

- **Almost 100 years of fighting for civil liberties**
- **Scopes trial**
- **Japanese detention**
- **Public school segregation**
- **Reproductive freedom**
- **Freedom of speech**
- **Religious liberty**
- **Warrantless searches**
- **Racial justice**
- **LGBTQ rights**
- **Immigration rights**
- **Criminal justice reform**
- **Equal access**



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- **We also address local questions on**
 - **Police cameras**
 - **Immigrants' rights**
 - **Warrantless searches**
 - **Voting rights**
 - **LGBTQ equality**
 - **Social justice and equality**
 - **Criminal justice reform**
 - **Public education**



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**Tell Your Senators:
Fight The Muslim Ban**



Legislative update

- **Police accountability**
 - **HB 698/SB 362** Allows complainants of police misconduct to find out how the complaints were handled
 - **HB1504 Baltimore City - Control of Baltimore City Police Department**
- **Taking politics out of parole**
 - **HB 694/ SB 723 Inmates - Life Imprisonment - Parole Reform**
- **Bail reform**
 - **HB 1390/ SB 880 Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release - Reform**



Legislative update

- **TRUST act**
 - **HB 1362/ SB 835 Maryland Law Enforcement and Governmental Trust Act**
- **Public financing of private/religious schools**
 - **Not a bill -- \$5 million in budget**
- **Recent County Council Resolution 18-673**
 - **“The Montgomery County Police Department will play no role in enforcing federal immigration law.”**



- **Continuing and new federal threats to our local communities and civil rights**
 - **Minority religions, immigrants, and equal rights are under attack**
 - **Unlike Bowling Green and Sweden, these attacks are real**
 - **“Sanctuary” areas and provisions are supposed to separate local law enforcement from federal immigration law**
 - **How well do they work, and how will they stand up to pressure from the new administration?**



- **Action and volunteer efforts ... Where can we each help?**
 - Research – both legal and layperson
 - Political pressure in Rockville
 - Testimony in Annapolis
 - Social protest
 - Social media
 - Civil rights and civil liberties speakers series



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- **Montgomery County police tactics, policies, and technologies**
- **No stop-and-frisk here in Montgomery County, but we do face several practices of concern:**
 - **warrantless tracking of protesters and cell phones**
 - **the fatal use of tasers on residents**
 - **slow action on automatic electric defibrillators (AEDs)**
 - **the lack of a civilian review board to review and enhance police accountability**



- **Equal opportunity in education and religion**
 - **maintaining freedom of religion by keeping public education and funding separate from religious schools**
 - **preventing discrimination in school construction and in discipline**



- **State issues on criminal justice reform**
 - **opening police accountability to public information laws**
 - **drug sentencing reform**
 - **domestic violence provisions**
 - **the new statewide measures for police accountability**
 - **civil asset forfeiture under the new Maryland laws.**
 - **pre-trial (bail) reform**

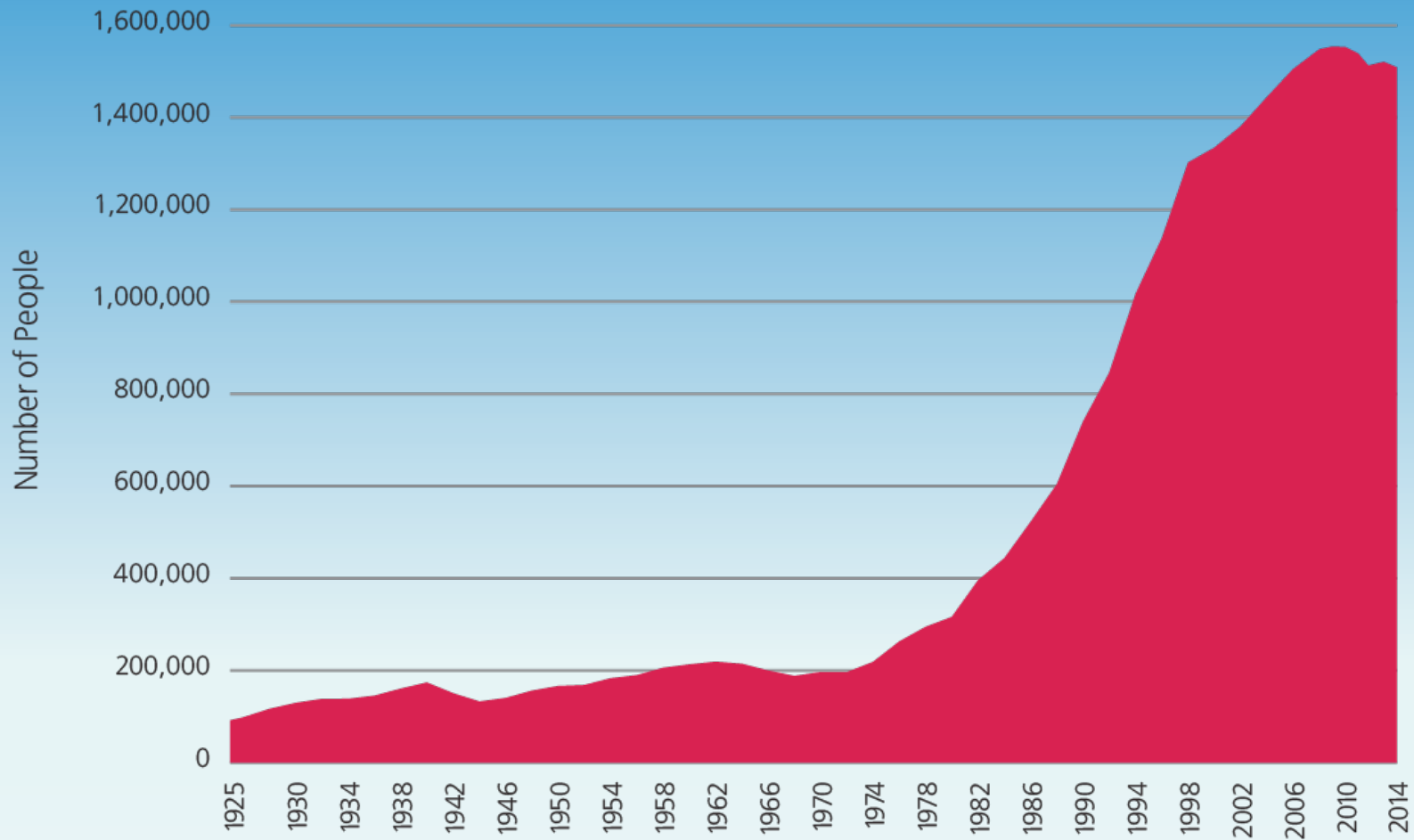


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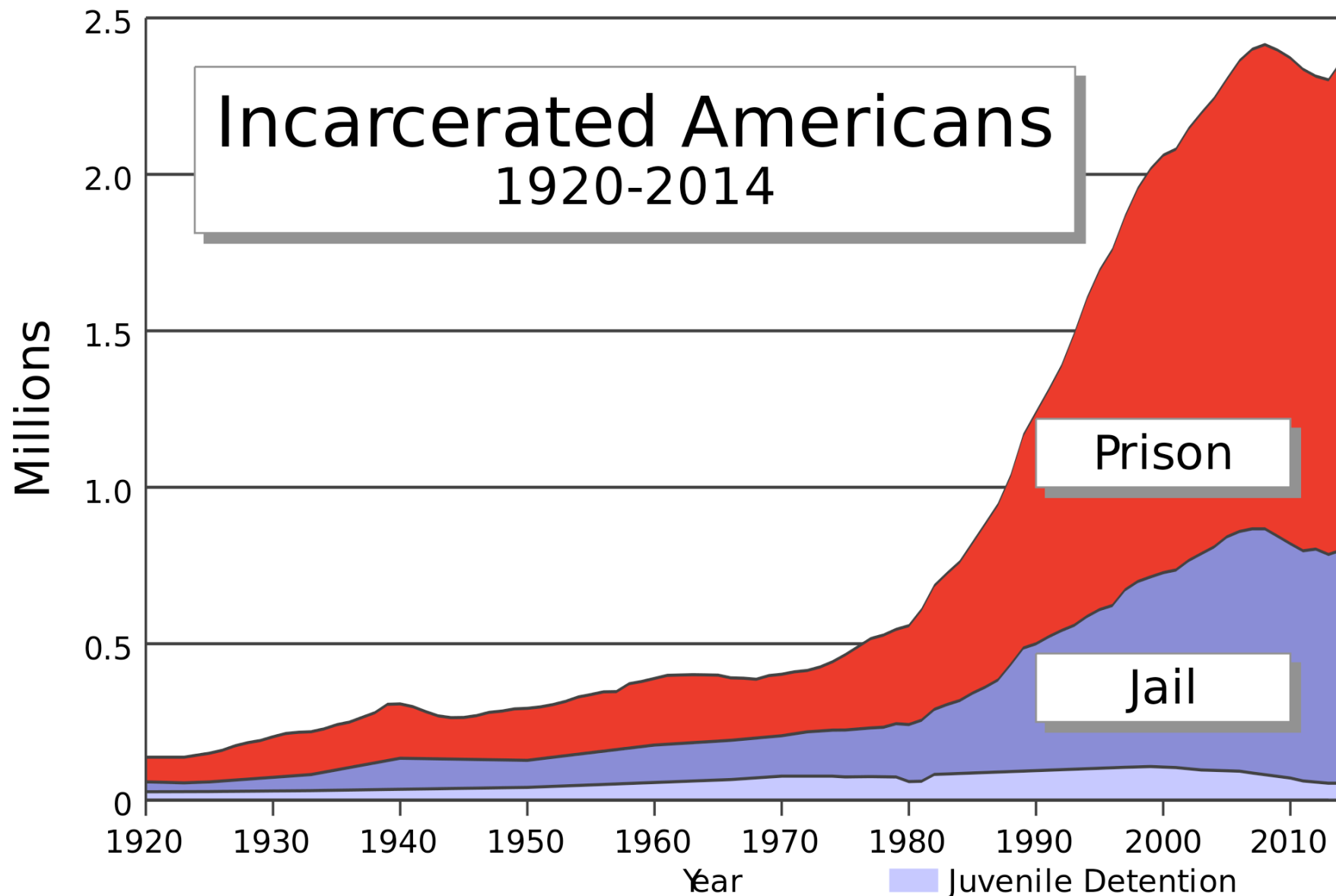




U.S. State and Federal Prison Population, 1925-2014



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics *Prisoners Series*.





The Path from Arrest to Pretrial Detention

